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Welcome to the first issue of the *Wisconsin Crop*Review!

Let me begin by thanking all crop producers for their continued support and cooperation — especially the producers who provide data for *NASS Quarterly Agricultural* surveys. Without their commitment and participation, this report would not be available.

This publication is a compilation of related reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in an effort to provide a complete source of relevant statistics.

Though many of the statistics in this publication can be accessed through our website (www.nass.usda.gov/Publications), this Wisconsin Field Office summary will be issued following the release of the Quarterly USDA-NASS Crop reports.

Please feel free to contact our office with any comments or questions you may have. I hope you find this information useful, and wish you a successful growing season!

Robert Battaglia Director Wisconsin Field Office

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March Stocks and Planting Intentions

2010 Crop Planting Intentions

As of March 1, U.S. corn growers reported they intend to plant **88.8 million acres of corn for all purposes** in 2010, up 3 percent from both the previous years. Acreage is up in many states due to reduced winter wheat plantings.

Corn planting intentions in Wisconsin as of March 1, were 3.90 million acres. If realized this would be an increase of 50,000 acres from last year.

Soybean producers in the U.S. intend to plant 78.1 million acres in 2010. If realized, the U.S. planted area would be the largest on record.

Soybean planting intentions in Wisconsin are 1.55 million acres. This is 80,000 acres, or 5 percent less than last year.

Nationally, winter wheat planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009, but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Seeding was lower due to late row crop harvest and weather.

Wisconsin's winter wheat estimate is for 25 percent fewer acres in 2010 than last year due to a late corn and soybean harvest. The state's forecast is 250,000 acres. Total wheat acres would be the lowest since 1970, and the fifth lowest on record.

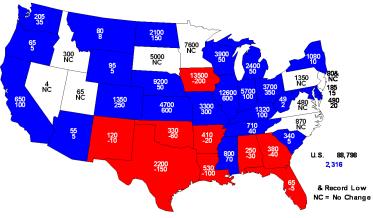
Wisconsin oat and barley planting

intentions for 2010 are both up from last year. Oat planting intentions are 320,000 acres, up 10,000 acres. Barley plantings are forecast at 50,000 acres, up 5,000 from last year.

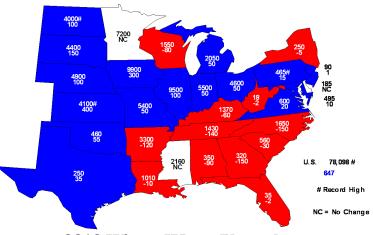
Nationally, **hay acres** for dry hay harvest is up 1.2 percent from last year, and are expected to be 60.5 million acres.

Wisconsin hay producers expect to harvest 2.05 million acres for dry hay, up 130,000 acres from 2009.

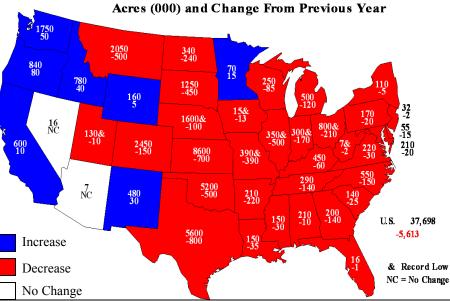
2010 Corn Planted Acres (000) and Change From Previous Year



2010 Soybeans Planted Acres (000) and Change From Previous Year



2010 Winter Wheat Planted
Acres (000) and Change From Previous Year



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Increases of 300,000 or more corn acres are expected in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Ohio this year.

The largest soybean acreage increases this year are expected in Kansas, up 400,000 acres and lowa, up 300,000 acres.

U.S. barley planted acreage is at a record low. Oat acreage is the second lowest on record.

Acres planted to the 21 principal U.S. crops is forecasted at 319.5 million acres, up 0.2 percent from 2009.

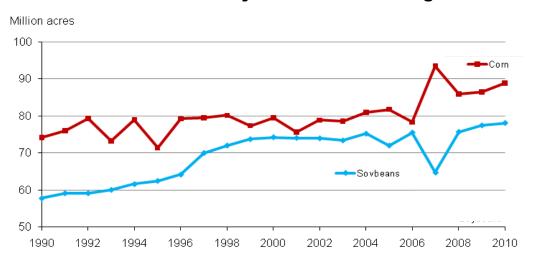


2010 Crop Planting Intentions, Wisconsin and United States

		Wi	isconsin		United States				
Crop	2008	2009	Int. 2010	2010/09	2008	2009	Int. 2010	2010/09	
	1	Thousand	Acres	Percent	Т	Percent			
Corn, all	3,800	3,850	3,900	101	85,982	86,482	88,798	103	
Soybeans	1,610	1,630	1,550	95	75,718	77,451	78,098	101	
Oats	270	310	320	103	3,247	3,404	3,364	99	
Barley	43	45	50	111	4,246	3,567	3,273	92	
Winter wheat	350	335	250	75	46,307	43,311	37,698	87	
Hay, all ¹	1,900	1,920	2,050	107	60,152	59,755	60,460	101	
Dry edible beans	6.5	6.4	6.0	94	1,495	1,538	1,767	115	

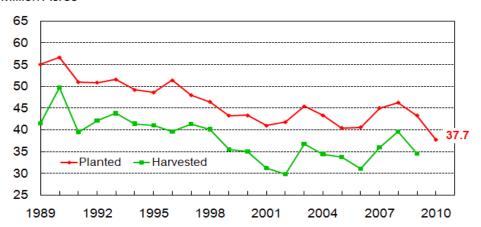
¹ Harvested acres

United States Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage



United States Winter Wheat Acreage





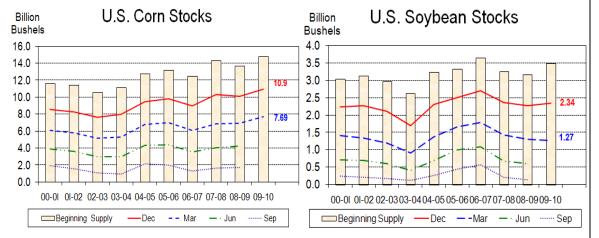
Wisconsin Grain Stocks

Corn stocks were 274 million bushels, up 13 percent from March 2009. Corn stored on farms totaled 175 million bushels, and 99 million was in off-farm storage. **Soybean stocks** totaled 29.5 million bushels, up 12 percent from March of last year. On-farm storage was 9.2 million bushels, and 20.3 million bushels were in off-farm storage.

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United States Grain Stocks

Corn stocks were 7.69 billion bushels, up 11 percent from March 2009. Disappearance for the previous quarter was 3.23 billion bushels, up 0.11 billion bushels from the same period last year. **Soybean stocks** totaled 1.27 billion bushels, down 2 percent from March of last year. Disappearance during the previous quarter was 1.07 billion bushels, up 10 percent from a year earlier. All **wheat stocks** totaled 1.35 billion bushels, up 30 percent from 2009. Disappearance, at 429 million bushels, was up 12 percent from the same period a year earlier

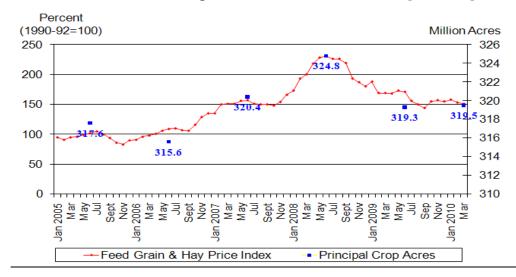


Wisconsin Crop Values and Prices

	Wisconsin Market Year Average Price			Wisconsin Value of Production			Recent Wisconsin Monthly Prices ¹			
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec
	Dollars per bushel (ton for hay)			1,000 dollars			Dollars per bushel (ton for hay)			
Corn	4.11	3.89	3.70	1,819,908	1,534,838	1,658,673	3.42	3.47	3.57	3.46
Soybeans	9.83	9.80	9.45	549,399	545,370	612,360	9.00	9.57	9.86	10.10
Oats	2.46	2.82	2.05	26,371	33,220	27,183	1.98	2.17	2.04	2.01
Barley	2.70	3.57	2.70	3,540	5,783	3,983	3.82	4.51	4.73	4.54
Winter Wheat	5.30	5.43	4.10	97,308	120,057	87,822	4.20	4.52	4.68	4.68
Alfalfa Hay	89.00	113.00	97.00	331,080	457,650	375,875	120.00	120.00	115.00	110.00
Other Hay	58.00	79.00	69.50	38,976	60,040	38,573	90.00	85.00	90.00	80.00

¹ Barley and Winter Wheat monthly prices are a national average.

U.S. Feed Grain & Hay Price Index and Principal Crop Acres





Wisconsin corn stocks were 274 million bushels on March 1, a 13 percent increase from last year.

Wisconsin's soybean stocks were 29.5 million bushels, 12 percent higher than 2009.

U.S. Soybean disappearance of 1.07 billion bushels last quarter was the largest on record for Dec-Feb quarter.
Corn had the second highest stocks disappearance on record for the same quarter

Lake Region (WI, MI, MN) field workers were paid an average of \$11.22 per hour in mid-January.



March Stocks and Planting Intentions

TO WICSONSIN CROP PRODUCERS -This report contains a summary of information collected from you for the March Agricultural Survey. Thank you for your support and representation of Wisconsin agriculture. We appreciate your assistance in providing timely and accurate data. ~Robert Battaglia, Director USDA-NASS Wisconsin Field Office

INFORMATION IS POWER

The complete March Crop Intentions and Grain Stock reports can be found at the USDA NASS national publication website: www.nass.usda.gov/results

Other National Reports & Their Release Dates:

March 31—County Cash Rents April 30, May 28—Agricultural Prices April 1—Vegetables April 19, May 18—Milk Production April 9, May 11—Crop Production April 15, May 14—Potato Stocks

June 30—Planted Crop Acreage & Grain Stocks May 20—Farm Labor

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